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with the material in your remaining
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Required Reading:

K. KITCHEN THE BIBLE IN ITS WORLD

THE most helpful contribution KITCHEN seems to make in
THIS HISTORICAL STUDY IS THE PERSPECTIVE THAT BEFORE THE
PATRIARCHAL NARRATIVES, THERE IS 18000 YEARS OF HISTORY. THE
TYPICAL LIMITED VIEW OF CIVILIZATION (FROM THE CHRISTIAN STANDPOINT)
FINDS A HANDFUL OF SOCIETIES SCATTERED HERE & THERE UP UNTIL THE
TIME OF ABRAHAM AND THEN POW!, WE HAVE HISTORY. BUT, OBVIOUSLY
THIS IS NOT THE CASE.

AS A CONSEQUENCE OF MY OWN LACK IN THE AREA OF
ANCIENT HISTORY, IT WOULD PREFER ASSUMING ON MY PART TO
CRITICIZE KITCHEN'S IDEAS. IT CAN BE SAID HOWEVER THAT BECAUSE
OF KITCHEN'S INSIGHTS THE POINT ABOUT ABRAHAM BEING A
HISTORICAL CHARACTER IN A HISTORICAL SETTING IS WELL MADE.

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REQUIRED READING #1:

G.H. MARSHALL "FIXED DATES IN PATRIARCHAL CHRONOLOGY!"

THE MOST THAT I GOT OUT OF THIS ARTICLE WAS A DESIRE TO LOOK INTO EDWIN THIELE'S "THE MYSTERIOUS NUMBERS OF THE HEBREW KINGS."

WITH THE EXCEPTION OF POINTING OUT ONE OR TWO PROBLEMS IN ORCHESTRATING A PATRIARCHAL CHRONOLOGY (DAVID'S AGE AT SHECHEN FOR EXAMPLE) THE ARTICLE IS A BASIC SURVEY OF THE PATRIARCHAL PERIOD.

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REQUIRED READING #1!

Dr. WISEMAN, "ABRAHAM IN HISTORY & TRADITION," PARTS I & II

PART ONE OF WISEMAN'S ARTICLE DOESN'T SEEM TO GET OFF THE GROUND. THE POINT THAT ABRAHAM WAS MORE THAN A MERE "STRANGER IN A STRANGE LAND" DOESN'T SEEM TO EVER SETTLE. I SUPPOSE THIS IS BECAUSE WISEMAN'S INTERPRETATION OF ABRAHAM'S "ALTARS & TENTS" RUNS RIGHT IN THE FACE OF THE TYPICAL EVANGELICAL UNDERSTANDING.

IT IS INTERESTING THEN THAT IN REVIEWING PART TWO OF HIS ARTICLE I FOUND MYSELF MORE IN AGREEMENT WITH HIS VIEW. I IMAGINE THIS BE EXPLAINED BY THE FACT THAT PART ONE PRIMARILY DISMANTLED A FEW O.T. & VIEWS WHILE PART TWO INTRODUCED THE "SOLUTIONS."

PARTICULARLY INTERESTING TO ME WAS THE VIEW THAT ABRAHAM UNDERSTOOD HIS POSITION AS GOD'S "GOVERNOR" IN THE PROMISED LAND. HIS FORESHADOW OF DAVID'S LATER UNDERSTANDING OF RULERSHIP IN THE PROMISED LAND IS QUITE INTRODUCING.

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REQUIRED READING #1:

W. KAISER TOWARD A O.T. THEOLOGY.

TO W. KAISER COMES OFF AS A BRIEF HISTORICAL SURVEY WITH THREE POINTS TO BE MADE, I HAD PREVIOUSLY READ HIS MATERIAL OF THE MOSAIC PERIOD AND FOUND IT DISCUSTINGLY SHORT (SOMETHING LIKE MY REVIEWS). I FIND THIS SAME IS TRUE WITH HIS TREATMENT OF THE PATRIARCHS. SKIPPING THROUGH SEVERAL THOUSAND YEARS OF HISTORY AT THIS PACE CAN GIVE ONE A HEADACHE.

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Selman "THE SOCIAL ENVIRONMENTS OF THE PATRIARCHS"

One thing that appreciated regarding this article was that Selman does not seem to want bring the Genesis narrative into agreement with archaeology but rather wants to calibrate the account with an understanding of various archaeological finds.

As with Kitchen, because the material is now a critical analysis would be a little beyond my experience. It does however point out that in future readings I'll have to be more aware that most of these issues are as of yet unsettled.